

District IV Neighborhood News

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City Council Approves Meridian Improvements

The 2004-2013 Capital Improvement Program adopted by the City Council included a project to improve Meridian, between 31st Street South and Pawnee. District IV Advisory Board sponsored a November 3, 2004, neighborhood hearing on the project. The Board voted 8-0 to recommend approval of the project.

The estimated project cost is \$3,809,000 with \$1,555,000 paid by the City and \$2,254,000 by

Federal Grants administered by the Kansas Department of Transportation. The funding source for the City share is General Obligation Bonds.

The project will reconstruct Meridian to provide four through lanes and a left turn lane at 27th Street South. Traffic signals will be improved at the intersection of Meridian at Pawnee. A new storm water sewer will be constructed. The available right-of-way will be landscaped. Con-

struction is planned for 2005.



Meridian construction between Pawnee and 31st Street S will begin in 2005.

District Advisory Board Makes Recommendations Regarding Mid-continent Sewage Treatment Plant

The District Advisory Board met on February 2, 2005 and heard a presentation from the Water and Sewer Department regarding the placement of a Sewage Treatment Plant. The board was asked to provide a recommendation for a primary and secondary site for the placement of the plant.

The DAB reviewed the pros and cons of each of the proposed sites for District IV. The board ultimately recommended that site 18 be the primary site and site 16 be the secondary site.

Site 18 is located on the Mid-continent Airport land and would be removed from site. Site 16 is located on

industrial land currently owned by the City of Wichita. This issue will go before the Council April 12, 2005.

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Osage Spray Park

On April 6, 2005 the Parks and Recreation Department will present information regarding the Osage Spray Park. The District Advisory Board first heard this item in October of 2004. At the October meeting the District Advisory Board made recommendations regarding the design of the spray park.

The total costs of the spray park is estimated at \$400,000. If you would like to see the preliminary designs for the Osage Spray Park please plan on attending the

District Advisory Board meeting on April 6 at 1749 S Martinson. The District Advisory Board is composed of citizens throughout District IV who advise the Council Member for the district on area concerns.

If you would like more information regarding the District Advisory Board please contact, Brandon Kauffman at 303-8007.



Water Bill Payments

Water Bill Payments are now being accepted at your Neighborhood City Hall. A drop box is located outside of the Stanley-Aley Neighborhood City Hall located at 1749 S Martinson. Payments are accepted in check or money order form only as the Neighborhood City Hall does not have the capabilities of accepting cash payments.

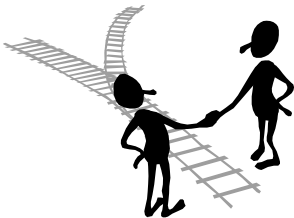
Stanley-Aley Neighborhood City Hall Closing for Summer

Stanley Aley Neighborhood City Hall will be closing during the summer months of May, June, July and August. Due to school construction for the bond project that was passed by voters Stanley Aley NCH will be closing for the summer. We do not yet have an official closing date because the school is currently in the process of developing their plans.

Once the City of Wichita officially receives dates for construction of the school, the information will be released regarding the closing dates of the Neighborhood City Hall.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the closing of the Neighborhood City Hall please contact us at 303-8007. District Advisory Board Meetings will also consequently be moved to a new location during this transition time.

Interested in Forming a New Neighborhood Association?



Contact your Neighborhood Assistant if you are interested in forming a Neighborhood Association.

Forming a neighborhood association is a valuable tool for protecting your neighborhood and also solving many of the area problems by working together. By utilizing available resources neighbors can join together to create a preferred vision for their neighborhood and develop a plan to reach those goals.

So why organize your neighborhood? Some of the following points are valid

arguments for forming a neighborhood association:

- A unified neighborhood is a strong force in maintaining healthy communities.
- Neighborhood organizations bring together people of diverse backgrounds, with common concerns for safety, properties, homes and community interests.

- Neighborhood organization help City staff and elected officials identify and resolve issues and concerns.
- There is strength in numbers—having a unified voice can make a difference.

If you are interested in forming a neighborhood association, please contact your area Neighborhood Assistant, Brandon Kauffman, at 303-8008.

THE BRIDGE BUILDER

An old man, going a lone high-way,
Came at the evening cold and gray,
To a chasm, vast and deep and wide,
Through which was flowing a sullen tide.
The old man crossed in the twilight dim.
That sullen stream had no fears for him;
But he turned, when he reached the other side,
And built a bridge to span the tide.

"Old man," said a fellow pilgrim near,
"You are wasting strength in building here.
Your journey will end with the ending day;
You never again must pass this way.
You have crossed the chasm,
deep and wide, Why build you

the bridge at the eventide?"

The builder lifted his old gray head.

"Good friend, in the path I have come," he said, "There followed after me today A youth whose feet must pass this way. This chasm that has been naught to me. To that fair-haired youth may a pitfall be. He, too, must cross in the twilight dim; Good friend, I am building the bridge for *him*."

-WILL ALLEN DROMGOOLE



Neighborhood Assistant Message

Much like the old man building the bridge many neighborhoods must become proactive to leave behind something better than when it was originally built.

Many of these ideas stem from the Hellenic age and the Greek Philosophy of the city. The Greeks took pride in their cities and their civic responsibilities to create a brighter path in the future for those who will follow in their footsteps.

The work that Neighborhood Associations do to improve their neighborhoods are vital to the

future well being and character of their respective areas.

I commend the individuals that continually emphasize the importance of the neighborhood and work towards the betterment of their community. The rewards reaped from your efforts will continue to be felt for many years to come.

While it is important for neighborhoods to take charge and lead the effort to better their areas there are many resources available at the Neighborhood City Hall that

Neighborhood and Home Owners Associations may utilize in their quest to improve their neighborhoods. Stanley-Aley Neighborhood City Hall is located at 1749 S Martinson and is open Monday-Friday 9-6

Please feel free to call if you have any questions or concerns and city staff will be there to help in the process of solving issues. We can be reached at 303-8008 or you can email Brandon Kauffman at bkauffman@wichita.gov.

We will work with you to create a preferred future so that we may leave behind our city and neighborhoods better than when we first arrived!

Sign up for E-Gov Tools on City of Wichita Website

The City of Wichita recently created a tool for citizens to sign up for email notifications when items of interest are posted on the website. Citizens may now sign up for the new service on the City of Wichita's website.

When individuals sign up they may then choose what types of information they would like to receive. For example, if an individual would like to know when the Council minutes,

District Advisory Board IV agenda and minutes are posted they can click in the box next to the information they would like to receive. Once that information has been posted, the individual will receive the email notification. You may then click on the link in the email that you receive and it will take you to where the information has been posted.

This tool will increase the com-

munication between government and its citizens and allow for timely access to valuable information. If you are interested in the services please visit the website at www.wichita.gov. On the first page you can sign up by clicking on myWichita.



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Stanley-Aley Neighborhood City Hall is located at Stanley Elementary School at 1749 S Martinson. The Neighborhood City Hall offers a number of opportunities for citizens to connect to city services such as large and small meeting facilities, free internet services, Environmental Health officials, Office of Central Inspection Officials, Community Police, and Park and Recreation officials. Stanley-Aley NCH also houses the monthly District Advisory Board meeting, which gives citizens the opportunity to voice their opinion to their district Council Member on issues of importance. The District IV Advisory Board is held on the first Wednesday of every month and City staff present information regarding various issues concerning citizens in the City of Wichita.

If you have any questions or concerns about your neighborhood please contact Brandon Kauffman at 303-8007 or bkauffman@wichita.gov.

Sign up for Citizens Academy Online

Citizens Academy is an eight-week interactive program geared toward learning about the City of Wichita. Through informative and interactive presentations and interesting tours that focus on City departments, participants will become familiar with the structure and functions of city government.

Graduates of Citizens Academy will gain a greater knowledge of government affairs and will also become more effective citizen leaders. Citizens Academy is held biannually with a session starting in the Spring and one in the Fall.

Time: 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.

Where: The first three sessions will be held at City Hall, 455 N

Main. Later sessions will be held at City facilities throughout the community.

Cost: Free! There is no admission cost or registration fee.

Note: Each class is limited to 70 participants and we must fill every seat. If we receive your application after the class is full and registration is closed, we will reserve a place for you in the next Citizens Academy.

For More Information:
Contact Brandon Kauffman at 303-8007 or email bkauffman@wichita.gov.

Online Signup:
Go to www.wichita.gov

Then click on the City Manager Office on the right hand side of the screen. Then click on Neighborhood Services and on the right hand side you will see Citizens Academy. Click on that and then click on the Citizens Academy Online form. Once you reach this point you may fill out the application and then submit. You will then receive a letter confirming that your name and reservation has been confirmed.

